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EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS KABUL FOR NEWSOM FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: NEWSOM VISIT TO ISLAMABAD

LONDON FOR NYE

REF:A)TEHRAN 6529;B) NEW DELHI 10588

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1. WE THINK YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR AN ALTERED APPROACH TO
THE PAKISTANIS IN LIGHT OF JACOMET'S CHANGED ITINERARY ARE
EXCELLENT. WE LIKE IN PARTICULAR THE ARGUMENT ABOUT CHANGED
PRIORITIES WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN MADE IN OTHER
QUARTERS TO THE PAKISTANIS. ONE POINT WE SHOULD NOT
OVERLOOK, HOWEVER, IS THAT WHILE LEGAL HANGUP TO OUR

RESUMED DEVELOPMENT AID IS GLENN AMENDMENT, SECURING NECESSARY CONGRESSIONAL COOPERATION WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN SIMPLY ESTABLISHING THAT LITERAL TERMS OF GLENN AMENDMENT ARE INAPPLICABLE. THUS WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT IF FRENCH REPROCESSING TRANSFERS ALONE WERE SUSPENDED WE COULD AUTOMATICALLY RESUME A FULL AID AND MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP. WE THINK IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE GET ACROSS THE POINT THAT ANY FURTHER EFFORT TO ACQUIRE A REPROCESSING CAPABILITY WITH OR WITHOUT EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE WILL SEVERELY INHIBIT OUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PAKISTAN ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY. URGE, THEREFORE, YOU NOT LIMIT YOUR APPROACH

TO THE QUESTION OF SUSPENSION OF FRENCH TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT BUT GO BEYOND TO THE PROBLEM ANY REPROCESSING CAPABILITY POSES. IN YOUR DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT, YOU MAY WISH TO REPEAT OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT COOPERATE IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY (YOUR SCOPE PAPER GIVES A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES).

2. ASIDE FROM FOREGOING, SPECIFIC POINTS YOU MAKE IN PARA 2 (A)--(C) STRIKE US AS JUST RIGHT. WHAT WE HOPE YOU CAN DO, AFTER SETTING THE STAGE ALONG THESE LINES, IS AVOID VOLUNTEERING THE ENTIRE ARRAY OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS WE THINK WE COULD COME UP WITH IN AN ENHANCED
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ECONOMIC-MILITARY RELATIONSHIP. BASICALLY, WE DO NOT WANT TO SET THE STAGE FOR A BARGAINING SESSION OR TO CONVEY THE EXPLICIT IMPRESSION THAT WE WILL PAY A SPECIFIC "PRICE" FOR THEIR FOREGOING THE REPROCESSING OPTION. THE POSTURE WE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN IS THAT WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS IN REGIONAL SECURITY, STABILITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND NON-PROLIFERATION. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DECISIONS WHICH MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD THESE SHARED OBJECTIVES.

3. SHOULD THE PAKISTANIS INQUIRE ABOUT SPECIFIC STEPS WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE, WE THINK YOU SHOULD USE YOUR DISCRETION IN SUGGESTING TWO OR THREE ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES BUT NOT VOLUNTEER THE WHOLE LIST. OBVIOUSLY IF THEY ASK ABOUT SPECIFIC CASES, SUCH AS OUR AID PROGRAM OR THE DESTROYERS, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE DECISIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED. FYI: THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED

IN PRINCIPLE THE SALE OF 3RD PARTY TRANSFER OF 40 F5ES OR OF EQUIVALENT AIRCRAFT, FOR CASH TO PAKISTAN. AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE DECISION MEMORANDUM WAS ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS, AND THEREFORE YOU MAY RESPOND TO A SPECIFIC

PAKISTAN INQUIRY ABOUT THIS BUT SHOULD NOT RAISE IT YOURSELF. (FYI: YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO PREEMPT POSSIBLE FRENCH SALES OF MIRAGE IIIS OR VS.) WE BELIEVE THIS RESERVED APPROACH IS DESIRABLE BECAUSE OUR LIST OF ASSISTANCE ITEMS MAY BE TOO LARGE FOR US TO ULTIMATELY DELIVER, AND YET TOO SMALL TO SEEM ATTRACTIVE TO THE PAKS.

4. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, WE REGRET THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME EROSION OF WHAT WE HAD THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE. A RECAP OF WHERE WE STAND NOW FOLLOWS; KEYED TO PARA 2 (D) OF REFTEL (A) WITH EXCEPTION OF YOUR FIRST POINT. IF PRESSED ON SPECIFIC ISSUES BY PAKISTANIS, YOU MAY DRAW ON THEM AS YOU SEE FIT.
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(2) IF QUERIED, YOU SHOULD RESPOND CAUTIOUSLY THAT WE WILL LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF FMS CREDIT FOR MILITARY PURCHASES -- OTHER THAN F-5ES--IN FUTURE YEARS.
(3) AS YOU INDICATE, ADDING AS YOU FEEL WARRANTED YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE PROBABLE RESPONSE.

(4) AT THIS TIME THE U.S. NAVY CAN RELIABLY ASSURE DELIVERY OF TWO, RPT TWO, GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS THROUGH DECOMMISSIONING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THESE COULD BE TRANSFERRED DURING FY-80 AT AN APPROXIMATE COST (AS-IS, WHERE-IS) OF \$250,000 EACH. (FYI--THE TWO OTHER DESTROYERS WE HOPED WOULD BE AVAILABLE HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF -- ONE TO KOREA AND ONE TO THE SCRAPYARD. THE NAVY IS RELUCTANT TO COMMIT ITSELF AT THIS TIME TO THE TRANSFER OF ANY ADDITIONAL DESTROYERS SINCE IT MAY NEED TO CANNIBALIZE GEARING CLASS SHIPS FOR ITS OWN USE. END FYI)

(5) THE DESTROYER TENDER CAN BE EARMARKED FOR TRANSFER TO PAKISTAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 ON AN AS-IS, WHERE-IS BASIS. SINCE THE TENDER IS IN THE OVER 3,000 TON DISPLACEMENT CATEGORY, WE MUST SEEK SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FROM CONGRESS FOR THE SALE AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE INDICATES IT TAKES UP TO ONE YEAR TO PREPARE, SUBMIT AND OBTAIN ENACTMENT OF THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION. DELIVERY OF THE TENDER WOULD, THEREFORE, PROBABLY BE FEASIBLE SOMETIME IN FY-80. (GEARING CLASS DESTROYER TRANSFERS DO NOT REQUIRE SPECIFIC APPROVAL, BUT THE NOTIFICATION MUST LIE BEFORE CONGRESS FOR THIRTY DAYS.)

(6) AS STATED IN REFTEL A.

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(7) AS STATED IN REFTEL A.

(8) IF NEW AGREEMENTS UNDER FY-78 PROGRAM ARE SIGNED BEFORE AUGUST 1, AID ESTIMATES AMOUNT AT APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 23 MILLION. THE LONGER THE DELAY AFTER AUGUST 1 THE MORE OF THESE FUNDS WILL HAVE TO REALLOCATED TO OTHER PROGRAMS.

(9) AS STATED IN SCOPE PAPER.

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(11) AND (12) RESPONSE WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP.

4. FOR EMBASSY PARIS: YOU MAY INFORM JACOMET THAT UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM WILL BE INDICATING TO THE GOP OUR DESIRE TO BE SUPPORTIVE IN THE WAKE OF AFGHAN EVENTS, BUT THAT OUR ABILITY TO DO SO DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE. THE DECISION ON THAT QUESTION IS, OF COURSE, UP TO THE GOP AND FRANCE. (FYI--WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO SHARE NEWSOM'S INSTRUCTIONS WITH

JACOMET SINCE WE WOULD NOT WISH TO PROVIDE THE FRENCH WITH AN EXCUSE FOR FURTHER DELAYING JACOMET'S TRIP IN THE HOPE THAT NEWSOM COULD PULL THE FRENCH CHESTNUTS OUT OF THE FIRE. END FYI) YOU MAY, HOWEVER, TELL THE FRENCH THAT NEWSOM WILL BE SEEKING TO LAY THE GROUND-WORK FOR JACOMET.

5. FOR UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM: RE NEW DELHI 10588 AND MEETING WITH JACOMET -- FINE. HOPE YOU WILL KEEP FRENCH FEET TO THE FIRE IN THIS ENCOUNTER.

6. ALL BEST REGARDS AND GOOD LUCK.

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